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SUBJECT:DRAFT BILATERAL SPACE AGREEMENT

1. FOLLOWING FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION IS DRAFT TEXT OF
SPACE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NOW BEING COORDINATED WITHIN
USG:

2. BEGIN TEXT: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS CONCERN-
ING COOPERATION IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE
FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

3. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS;

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4. CONSIDERING THE ROLE WHICH THE U.S.A. AND THE U.S.S.R.
PLAY IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL
PURPOSES;

5. STRIVING FOR A FURTHER EXPANSION OF COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE U.S.A. AND THE U.S.S.R. IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF
OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES;

6. NOTING THE POSITIVE COOPERATION WHICH THE PARTIES HAVE

ALREADY EXPERIENCED IN THIS AREA;

7. DESIRING TO MAKE THE RESULTS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH GAINED FROM THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AVAILABLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND OF ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD;

8. TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES, AS WELL AS THE AGREEMENT ON THE RESCUE OF ASTRONAUTS, THE RETURN OF ASTRONAUTS, AND THE RETURN OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE;

9. ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE COURSE OF MUTUALLY AGREED ACTIVITIES PURSUED UNDER THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON SPACE COOPERATION, SIGNED MAY 24, 1972;

10. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON CONTACTS, EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND OTHER FIELDS, SIGNED JUNE 19, 1973, AND IN ORDER TO DEVELOP FURTHER THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TWO COUNTRIES;

11. HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

12. ARTICLE 1: THE PARTIES WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP CO-OPERATION IN SUCH FIELDS OF SPACE SCIENCE AND APPLICATIONS AS SPACE METEOROLOGY; STUDY OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT; EXPLORATION OF NEAR EARTH SPACE, THE MOON AND THE PLANETS; SPACE BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE; SATELLITE SEARCH AND RESCUE SYSTEMS; AND, IN PARTICULAR, WILL COOPERATE TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE AND ACHIEVE THE FULFILLMENT OF THE SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF DISCUSSION ON SPACE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AND THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE U.S.S.R. DATED JANUARY 21, 1971, NOW IN ITS SECOND PERIOD OF EXTENSION.

13. ARTICLE 2: THE PARTIES WILL CARRY OUT SUCH COOPERATION THROUGH THEIR APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AGENCIES BY

MEANS OF MUTUAL EXCHANGES OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION AND DELEGATIONS, AND MEETINGS OF SCIENTISTS AND SPECIALISTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES, AND ALSO IN SUCH OTHER WAYS AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED. JOINT WORKING GROUPS MAY BE CREATED FOR

THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION.

14. ARTICLE 3: THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES WITH A VIEW TO COOPERATION IN MAJOR MANNED SPACE FLIGHT OPERATIONS FOR SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL OBJECTIVES, INCLUDING THE USE OF COMPATIBLE RENDEZVOUS AND DOCKING SYSTEMS DERIVED FROM THOSE DEVELOPED IN THE PIONEERING APOLLO-SOYUZ FLIGHT OF JULY 1975. THESE STUDIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON THE BASIS OF PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AND THE U.S.S.R. ACADEMY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCIENCES ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF MANNED SCIENCE AND APPLICATIONS PROJECTS DATED (NOW IN FINAL STAGES OF NEGOTIATION). THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH STUDIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS MAY BE AGREED BETWEEN THE TWO COOPERATING AGENCIES.

15. ARTICLE 4: THE PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES WITH THE AIM OF STRENGTHENING THE LEGAL ORDER IN SPACE AND FURTHER DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL SPACE LAW AND WILL COOPERATE IN THIS FIELD.

16. ARTICLE 5: THE PARTIES MAY BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT DETERMINE OTHER AREAS OF COOPERATION IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

17. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE MAY 24, 1977 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR FIVE YEARS. IT MAY BE MODIFIED OR EXTENDED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES.
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